

2003 Report of Accomplishments Whidbey Island Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 - Summary

*2500 acres served with technical assistance
22 cooperators implementing plans*

Mission of the Whidbey Island Conservation District

- *Conservation – Development – Self Government*
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Water Quality Implementation

- *1 pasture management workshop with 8 attendees*
 - *2 horses for clean water workshops with 35 attendees*
 - *500 Children educated on water quality at Penn Cove Water Festival*
 - *100 adults visited the information and education display at Penn Cove Water Festival*
 - *5 Forest Stewardship Plans completed*
 - *1 Forest Stewardship Coached Planning short course.*
 - *Hosted soil survey meetings with agencies, organizations and business community*
 - *Hosted use of soil survey for Island County officials*
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Basic Funding

- *Basic funding dollars were spent providing administrative support for WICD.*
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Puget Sound/Water Quality

- *20 watershed meetings with landowners/operators*
 - *3 critical area plantings implemented with 120 participants*
 - *22 landowners assisted on fish streams*
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Professional Engineering

- *WICD is part of the engineering cluster with Whatcom, Skagit, and San Juan conservation districts.*
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Dairy

WICD partners with Skagit Conservation District to serve the dairy producers on Whidbey Island.

- *3 Dairy plans were implemented and approved*
 - *2 subsurface drain installed*
 - *1 waste storage pond*
 - *1 waste transfer facility*
 - *4 Roof runoff management systems installed*
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Small Farm Programs

20 small farm plans were completed through a joint grant with Snohomish Conservation District

- *2 compost facilities installed*
- *6000 feet of fencing installed*
- *2 Use exclusion practices implemented*
- *2 fencing workshops*
- *1 Pasture Weeds of Whidbey workshop*

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *1,780 Volunteer hours to WICD by our dedicated volunteers serving with elections, Penn Cove Water Festival, Arbor Day, Earth Day Activities, workshops, tours, Island County Fair, Camas Day celebration and office duties.*
- *100 Woodland legacy participants*
- *6 Water Week activities*
- *3 tree plantings with schools where 90 students participated*
- *Hosted information/education workshop with Island County and other agencies regarding BMP ordinance*

Information & Education

- 400 Walk-in visitors served
- 293 Referrals to other agencies made
- 2300 Information mailings regarding workshops, plant sale, and WICD activities
- 20 press releases disseminated
- 6 tours showing landowners/land operators implementing BMPs.
- 12 Kitchen Koffee meetings with landowners/operators
- 1 Wonders of Whidbey class with 30 attendees
- 2 classes taught at Skagit Valley College
- 2 displays for 200 attendees of the Sound Waters Workshop
- 100 contacts at the Island County Fair
- 100 contacts at the Whidbey Island Trade Fair information and education booth

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices